

Honey Production, 2000 By Eric D. Stout

Honey production for 2000 by producers with 5 or more hives totaled 1.0 million pounds. Honey producers took honey from 22,000 colonies, with an average yield of 45 pounds per colony. Honey stocks on hand as of December 15th were 554,000 pounds.

Honey producers received an average price of \$.76 per pound for the 2000 crop.

The 2000 honey production is valued at 752,000 dollars. Pennsylvania ranks 27th in the nation for honey production.

A sample of honey producers were surveyed in December for information on number of colonies, honey production, honey stocks on hand for sale, and prices received for honey sold.

Pennsylvania: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Value & Stocks, 1986-2000 ¹

Year	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Average Price Per Pound ²	Value of Production	Stocks December 15 ³
	(000)	Pounds	(000) Lbs.	Cents	(000) Dollars	(000) Lbs.
1986	50	32	1,600	55	880	624
1987	48	39	1,872	68	1,273	711
1988	45	46	2,070	67	1,387	683
1989	41	39	1,599	62	991	560
1990	41	28	1,148	67	769	379
1991	40	45	1,800	70	1,260	594
1992	30	41	1,230	71	873	566
1993	28	40	1,120	64	717	605
1994	27	47	1,269	60	761	622
1995	25	43	1,075	73	785	376
1996	23	46	1,058	102	1,079	370
1997	22	48	1,056	100	1,056	528
1998	23	66	1,518	80	1,214	698
1999	25	60	1,500	76	1,140	705
2000	22	45	990	76	752	554

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State. ² Prices weighed by sales. ³ Stocks held by producers.

Pennsylvania & Major States: Number of Colonies, Yield Production, Value & Stocks, 2000 ¹

State	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield Per Colony	Production	Stocks December 15 ²	Value of Production
	(000)	Pounds	(000) Pounds		(000) Dollars
California	440	70	30,800	11,396	17,864
Florida	232	105	24,360	2,923	13,154
Georgia	55	57	3,135	376	1,975
Idaho	100	47	4,700	2,679	2,444
Iowa	30	67	2,010	1,206	1,347
Louisiana	43	94	4,042	1,334	2,102
Michigan	72	75	5,400	2,970	3,240
Minnesota	150	90	13,500	3,105	7,695
Montana	148	86	12,728	5,982	7,510
Nebraska	50	87	4,350	2,610	2,567
New York	58	80	4,640	2,274	2,552
North Dakota	290	115	33,350	13,340	18,676
Pennsylvania	22	45	990	554	752
South Dakota	235	121	28,435	12,796	16,208
Texas	105	79	8,295	2,986	4,728
Wisconsin	84	90	7,560	4,385	5,141
Other States	520	68.8	32,710	15,242	24,250
U. S. TOTAL	2,634	83.9	221,005	86,158	132,205

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